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PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 10/698,199

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HOLTZAPPLE, et al.
Serial No.: 10/698,199
Filing Date: October 31, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1744
Confirmation No.: 9996
Title: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT
AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2007, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute Claims 1-24 (Group I) for prosecution.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call their attorney at the number listed below.

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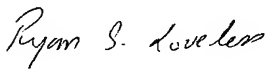
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Applicants believes that the appropriate fee have been submitted along with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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